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SUBJECT: SENATOR JACKSON'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU
ON EMIGRATION

1. SENATOR JACKSON MAY 19 REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO
TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTERS, ONE TO AMBASSADOR BARNES
REQUESTING DELIVERY OF THE OTHER, FROM SENATOR JACKSON
TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, ON THE EMIGRATION QUESTION AS IT
RELATES TO CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT:

2. TEXT OF LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BARNES:

DEAR AMBASSADOR BARNES:

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I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE
ENCLOSED LETTER INTO THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU.
ALSO ENCLOSED IS A COPY WHICH YOU MAY USE AS YOU SEE
FIT IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS OF THE EMIGRATION PROBLEM WITH
OTHER SENIOR ROMANIAN OFFICIALS.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARTHUR A.
HARTMAN ALSO HAS A COPY OF MY LETTER.

WITH THANKS AND BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY YOURS,
(SIGNED) HENRY M. JACKSON, U.S.S. END TEXT.

3. TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU:

DEAR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU:

IN A FEW MONTHS THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
WILL HAVE TO ACT ON THE ISSUE OF EXTENDING THE US-
ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT. IN CONSIDERING THIS EXTENSION,
THE CONGRESS WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
SET DOWN IN THE TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1974. AS YOU KNOW,
THIS ACT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF MOST-FAVORED-
NATION STATUS OR US GOVERNMENT CREDITS TO COUNTRIES THAT
DENY THEIR CITIZENS THE RIGHT AND OPPORTUNITY TO EMIGRATE
UNLESS A PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER IS APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS.

WHEN CONGRESS APPROVED A WAIVER FOR ROMANIA LAST
YEAR IT DID SO ON THE ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE A
SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE EMIGRATION RATE,
ESPECIALLY FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES. I AM
SORRY TO NOTE THAT, IN MY JUDGMENT AND THAT OF A NUMBER
OF MY COLLEAGUES, THE LEVEL OF EMIGRATION OVER THE PAST
ELEVEN MONTHS TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO OTHER
COUNTRIES IS INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THE EXTENSION OF
THE WAIVER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE IV OF THE TRADE
REFORM ACT OF 1974.

I WRITE, MR. PRESIDENT, IN THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL
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PERSONALLY INQUIRE INTO THIS MATTER AND TAKE WHATEVER
STEPS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE TO EXPEDITE THE REUNIFICATION
OF FAMILIES. ACTION ON YOUR PART NOW COULD REVERSE THE
FEELING REGRETFULLY SHARED BY MANY IN THE CONGRESS THAT
A SECOND WAIVER WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH TITLE IV.
SINCERELY YOURS, (SIGNED) HENRY M. JACKSON, U.S.S. END
TEXT.

4. SIGNED LETTERS FOLLOW BY CLASSIFIED POUCH. IF AMBASSADOR CHOOSES TO CALL CONTENTS OF THE SENATOR'S LETTER TO ATTENTION OF OTHER ROMANIAN OFFICIALS PRIOR TO SIGNED LETTER'S ARRIVAL, SENATOR'S OFFICE REQUESTS IN THAT EVENT CONTENTS OF LETTER ALSO BE FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AT SAME TIME.

5. FYI: JENKINS PHONED JACKSON' STAFF (FOSDICK) THIS MORNING (MAY 20) TO CONFIRM THAT THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO GO PUBLIC WITH THE JACKSON LETTER. FOSDICK SAID THEY FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE UTILITY OF THIS

INITIATIVE DEPENDS UPON ITS REMAINING PRI ATE. END FYI. ROBINSON

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